

By: Senator(s) Ferris

To: Education

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2157

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-9-211, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO COMPENSATE MENTOR TEACHERS
3 FOR ADDITIONAL DUTIES PERFORMED UNDER THE BEGINNING TEACHER
4 SUPPORT PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 SECTION 1. Section 37-9-211, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 37-9-211. (1) The selection, nature and extent of duties of
9 mentor teachers shall be determined by the school district. The
10 following guidelines shall apply:

11 (a) No teacher shall be designated as a mentor teacher
12 unless willing to perform in that role, and a retired teacher
13 shall be eligible to serve as a mentor teacher;

14 (b) No mentor teacher shall participate in the
15 evaluation of beginning teachers;

16 (c) Each mentor teacher shall complete successfully a
17 training workshop provided or approved by the Mississippi Teacher
18 Center prior to participating in the beginning teacher support
19 program;

20 (d) If a mentor teacher receives additional release
21 time to support a beginning teacher, it is expected that the total
22 workload of other teachers regularly employed by the school
23 district should not increase in any substantial manner.

24 (2) Any local school district shall be authorized to
25 compensate mentor teachers from any available funds for additional
26 duties to support a beginning teacher which are performed after
27 regular school hours.

28 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
29 and after July 1, 1999.